

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 19, 2001

Michelle Seligman, Treasurer 21st Century Democrats 1311 L Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20005

Identification Number: C00230342

Reference:

Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00), Amended Year End Report

(11/28/00-12/31/00), dated 4/11/01 and Amended Year End Report

(11/28/00-12/31/00), dated 5/31/01

Dear Ms. Seligman:

On June 27, 2001 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

The Commission is in receipt of your letter dated July 10, 2001, however, additional information is still required.

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$98,243.31 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$58,150.89 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period; no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the nonfederal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses transfers received from your non-federal account which occur outside the permissible transfer period. Please be advised that <u>transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period</u>: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in fundraising activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct unique identifying code or title, or provide clarifying information regarding the activities on Schedule H2.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by August 8, 2001. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement actions.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Thomas Maxwell on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division